

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 1, please delete the heading "DESCRIPTION" appearing before the title of the invention.

On page 1, line 4, please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application was filed under 35 USC §371 from International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014270 filed on September 29, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-339821 filed on September 30, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-431649 filed on December 25, 2003. Each of the foregoing is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

On page 1, line 5, please replace the heading with the following amended heading:

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, line 10, please replace the heading with the following amended heading:

BACKGROUND ART OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, line 6, please replace the heading with the following amended heading:

DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 6, line 30, please replace the heading with the following amended heading:

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On page 32, line 3, please replace the paragraph following the heading "ABSTRACT" with the following amended paragraph:

A channel switching valve (A) ~~of the present invention~~ includes a discharge hole (14) which discharges water having a proper temperature and a drain hole (15) which drains water having an improper temperature. A part of a first channel (11) extending from a hot water supply port (24b) to

the discharge hole and a part of a second channel (11) extending from the hot water supply port to the drain hole are common. Therefore, the channel switching valve can be compact.